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17 REDS CAPTURED IN CALUMET REGION RAIL

RAIDS SPOIL SCHEME FOR REVOLUTION

National Plot to Overthrow
Government Brought to
Light Today.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Plans of a revolution backed by a military organization were uncovered in the raids on the "Reds" last night. The department of justice announced today.

A large number of rifles, bombs and other weapons were seized in the raids. It also was announced that there had been planned the actual formation of a military organization among the "Reds" which was to center in Newark.

DANGEROUS TYPE

The 300 persons arrested in Newark were characterized as "the most dangerous set" by the department.

The arrests are considered today and it is expected that the custody of persons taken in the raids will amount to 3,000. The department of justice announced. It was stated that arrests were ordered here.

All American citizens who were arrested will be turned over to the state authorities for prosecution under state laws for "criminal syndicate." It was announced.

The department estimates that three thousand persons will be recommended for deportation as a result of the raid.

EXPECT HIM TO ANNOUNCE NAME SOON

Rumor Has Linked Beveridge
With Senatorship for
Some Time.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 3.—Reports from various sources indicate that Senator James E. Watson will have an opponent in his campaign for re-election in the person of Albert J. Beveridge, formerly United States senator from Indiana and a noted leader in the Progressive party when that organization was at the height of its power in Indiana. Mr. Beveridge's name has been mentioned in connection with the senatorial race for some time and during the last week reports from many quarters are to the effect that he will announce his name.

The former senator, however, refused to discuss the prospects of his announcement.

HAMMOND MAN MISSING SINCE LAST SATURDAY

Fred W. Masopoll, thirty-one, a well-known young man of Hammond, has been missing from his home, 485 Logan st., since last Saturday. His wife and other relatives knew that he had been suffering from mental depression for some time and believed that he would return after a brief absence. Hammond police were notified but an organized search was not started for several days.

No trace of him has been found, although it is said he was seen boarding a Chicago car at State and Hoban sts. the day he disappeared. Masopoll is five feet three inches tall, weighs 170 pounds and has a dark complexion. His hair is black, eyes brown and when last seen wore a black knee-length overcoat, dark shawl-collar sweater and a high black cap.

Chicago police have been notified and in case readers of The Times have any information they are requested to telephone Hammond 1144W or 847R.

CHAMPION AUTO EQUIPMENT CO. INCORPORATED

New Hammond Enterprise
States Business With
\$100,000 Capital.

The Champion Auto Equipment Company, an outgrowth of the automobile business of the Champion Potato Machinery Company, has been incorporated under the laws of Indiana for \$100,000. The growing business of automobile equipment and repairs which the Champion Potato Machinery Company entered only a few months ago has made necessary the separation of the automobile business under a separate name and organization.

The new business has already outgrown the quarters assigned to it in the old Champion Potato Machinery factory and has made necessary the building of two new buildings upon which work will be started as soon as the weather permits. The buildings will each measure 35x100 feet.

The company does all kinds of repairing from simple tire to rebuilding a broken axle or chassis. Special equipment has been added for putting on the solid rubber tires. The Tomlin Spring service department has springs for all makes of cars, shock absorbers, snubbers, engine repairing, welding, stonework, painting and trimmings are all well taken care of and the car and body department has more business than they can take care of in their present quarters.

Orders are being received daily from all parts of the country, an order for more than \$5,000 being received yesterday. Cabs and bodies are made to order from the finest material available and the best of service is guaranteed. Many Chicago firms have placed orders for cabs and bodies with the Champion Company.

The officers of the company are: George Kromer, president; A. H. Tappan, vice president; G. H. Lester, secretary; O. N. Fisher, treasurer; and Emil Larson, superintendent.

LIMBERT PLANT SUFFERS \$150,000 LOSS THIS A. M.

Machine Shop of East Chicago Factory Wrecked
By Flames.

A \$150,000 plant which destroyed the machine shop and office of the George B. Limbert company at East Chicago, broke out early this morning and before the watchman noticed it had gained such headway as to be beyond control of the fire department. The building which housed the machine shop and office is a total wreck but the fire is entirely covered by insurance. About 150 machinists will be thrown out of employment for an indefinite period.

The fire apparently started about three o'clock this morning in the machine shop from some unknown cause. The building was stored and there were no fires in the shop which could have caused the conflagration. It is possible that crossed electric wires was the cause of the blaze.

The watchman first noticed the fire when he opened the door to the building and was greeted by a mass of flames. He attempted to get to the telephone in the office but was cut off by the flames so that he ran to the neighboring houses and after some difficulty succeeded in reaching a telephone and giving the alarm.

The great amount of grease which covered the doors and machinery of the building was excellent fuel for the blaze and caused an exceptionally bad fire for the department to contend with. The Indiana Harbor department was called and the new engine was hurried into service. Three engines being placed in use and kept going until about nine o'clock this morning when the Indiana Harbor engine returned to the station to be available for other calls. Two loads were still being played on the ruins at a late hour this morning.

While the building which was about seventy-five by one hundred and fifty feet was absolutely wrecked, the big loss was that of the machinery which it is feared will be worthless from the heat. One of the frames from the foot was taken to the police station for treatment.

Most of the Limbert company's employees are expert machinists and have been with the company for long periods. The company makes pipe fittings. George B. Limbert has announced that the shop will be rebuilt as fast as possible and that in the meantime an attempt will be made to resume operations in the new buildings which are just being completed and which were not touched by the fire.

JAILS CROWDED WITH ANARCHISTS ROUNDED UP BY FEDERAL AGENTS

Members of Communist Societies Taken By Surprise on Deportation Warrants—Part of National Drive—More to Follow.

BIG BILL SURE IS FORTUNATE OR SOMETHING

William Subotich was yesterday freed in the East Chicago city court for the twenty-sixth time. Subotich has been arrested by the East Chicago police twenty-eight times on liquor and disorderly house charges and each time he has been released when he was brought to trial.

The last arrest was made on December 13th, on a charge of keeping a house of ill-fame. The case was continued five different times to December 15th, 18th, 22nd, 27th and January 2, yesterday the defense pleaded guilty for the girl who was arrested and who was the star witness for the prosecution, but who has failed to appear at the times set for trial. She was fined \$5 and costs by Special Judge Paul McCloskey and the case against Subotich was dismissed because of insufficient evidence.

The girl is also a star witness in the case in the federal court in which Subotich is accused of selling intoxicating liquor.

Red agitators of the avowed anarchist type in the Calumet region felt the stern hand of the law last night when federal agents and police co-operating suddenly swooped down upon the haunts of the individuals in Hammond, Gary and Burnham. The move was part of the national roundup which was launched simultaneously over the country by the department of justice.

The following men are now held at the Hammond police station:

STEVE FRANK, 548 Kenwood ave., Hammond.

WALTER KOLADIN, 572 Ames ave., Hammond.

ALEXANDER EVANOFF, 1097 Columbia ave., Hammond.

MIKE TOVETIK, 13923 Chippewa ave., Burnham.

MIKE HANOWICH, same address.

JOHN S. KLENKO, same address.

JOHN ZILKO, same address.

VASSILI YANUSCHKE, 2951 134th pl., Burnham.

GEORGE WASELEWICK, same address.

MIKE RADUREWICH, same address.

NICK NAKAREVICH, 2925 138th pl., Burnham.

JOHN CHASKO, 2225 Pullman ave., Burnham.

FRANK KOWALENKA, 2635 Pullman ave., Burnham.

Those held in jail at Gary are:

M. B. KARCEWSKI, 261 S. Broadway, Gary.

GEORGE CHELICK, 1995 Washington st., Gary.

STEVE STADTORT, 1947 Penzance, Gary.

MIKE ZYAVOR, same address.

In spite of the fact that State Attorney Hennes had tipped off many Reds of the region, the raiders were able to land a large portion of the men they went after. All are Russians or Russian Poles, who belong to the Communist, Communist Labor or United Russian Workers societies.

Quantities of inflammatory literature and records of official societies were confiscated. In several instances furnishing evidence which will be used in further activities of the government representatives. Deputy U. S. Marshal Walter Mybeck of Hammond directed the work in the Calumet region. With him were Special Agent George Gragdon of Gary, several special agents from Chicago and members of the Hammond and Gary police forces.

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"GET GOODS ON THEM"

When the department of justice operatives rounded Gary armed with the warrants last night they were directed to catch the radicals "with the goods on them." These directives were carried out. "Good" literature of the most inflammatory nature was found in the raid. The operatives refused to make known the address where the four Gary men were arrested.

The object of the raids was for the obtaining of evidence upon which the department of justice might proceed with the deportation of the alien anarchists. It became known today that the raids are a result of a campaign which had been planned by the department of justice as far back as two months ago.

JUST RELEASED BY MAPES

No Americans were caught in the Gary raids. One of the men, M. B. KARCEWSKI, 261 S. Broadway was taken to the federal court at Chicago.

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CHICAGO, Jan. 3.—Government raids on "Red" headquarters in many cities throughout the middle and far west continued throughout the night and were still in progress today, according to reports reaching Chicago. A majority of these wanted by the government were taken in the first descent on the places, but many persons for whom warrants had been issued slipped through the federal dragnet and it is these persons who are now being sought.

The raiding parties in Chicago continued as the day advanced. The arrests here were brought up to 221 today by the raid of a Maxwell st. rendezvous, which netted twenty-one.

Federal agents declared that one of the most important finds in Chicago was the locating and raiding of a "soviet college" in N. Hobey st. Fifty-five "soviet boys"—some of them with full passports and bank books—were taken in the raid. The "soviet college" was a place where "soviet literature" was taught and "soviet literature" was taken to the police stations and taken to headquarters. The place also was known as the "soviet embassy." It was said to have been established by L. A. E. Martins, the so-called soviet ambassador to this country.

INDIANA HAS NEW.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 3.—Thirty arrests of alleged "Reds" had been made in Indiana today. Six alleged leaders of the Communist labor party and Communist meeting have been arrested at Chicago, three last night and three today. Children are in custody at Hammond, four at Gary, three at Fort Wayne, three at Terre Haute, and one is under arrest at Anderson. Twenty others are being sought today in seven cities of the state. These arrests probably will be followed by Immigration Commissioner De Winter this afternoon or Monday.

MUST RAILROADS TRANSPORT ALL CIRCUS TRAINS

Important Question Must
Be Settled in Determining
Damage Suit

Carl Howe, traffic manager of the Michigan Central railroad, was on the witness stand in the federal court here before Judge Hardy in Hammond until the close of court yesterday afternoon and testified only to the fact that the railroad had transported other circus trains under special contract. The plaintiff endeavored to bring out that the railroad was compelled to transport any circus which might apply, thus showing the company to be a common carrier in all cases, while a defendant endeavored to show that circuses were always transported under special contract and as a private carrier.

The lawyers for the plaintiff sprung a surprise when they introduced in behalf of their client a decision rendered by J. G. Harsh, judge of the Appellate court at Indianapolis. Judge Harsh is now a member of the firm of Jacob Gould, Tinkham and Stinson, which is representing the Michigan Central in this case.

Testimony for the plaintiff has been almost completed and it is expected that the last witness for the plaintiff will be placed on the stand Monday morning and finish his testimony. As soon as the testimony is completed the legal arguments will begin, perhaps lasting only a few hours and perhaps lasting for a week or more.

MASONIC LODGES INSTALL FRESH SET OF OFFICERS

Garfield and McKinley lodges of the Hammond Masons last night held a joint installation of officers for the new year at which W. B. Ford, past master of the Garfield lodge, acted as installing officer for both lodges.

The officers of the Garfield lodge are: W. M.—W. G. Osborn, S. W.—John W. Northland, J. W.—H. J. Dornier, Treasurer—Theodore Moore, Secretary—G. O. Mallory, S. D.—F. J. Fackinmeyer, J. D.—H. A. Maul, S. S.—G. W. Jarnacke, J. S.—C. G. Olsen, Organist—C. B. Brunsdon, Tyler—H. R. Kasper.

The officers of the McKinley lodge are: W. M.—H. W. Morzenau, S. W.—J. C. Kennedy, J. W.—W. M. O'Brien, Treasurer—J. C. Agnew, Secretary—E. W. Miles, S. D.—A. B. Klue, J. D.—A. R. See, J. S.—Frank Greenbush, J. S.—W. S. Trumbull, Organist—Fred G. Middleton, Tyler—C. E. Dwyer.

The records of both lodges showed them to be in the best condition they have ever been in and many petitions for membership were reported filed. Fifty-three petitions for admission to Garfield lodge were received last night. The by-laws of Garfield lodge were also changed, raising the entrance fee to seventy-five dollars. The entrance fee for McKinley lodge remains the same.

The annual inspection of both lodges will be held next Monday at which time Herbert A. Graham, state inspector, who inspected the East Chicago, Gary and Hammond lodges at Gary last night, will inspect the two Hammond lodges and the Indiana Harbor lodge. The Indiana Harbor lodge will confer the first degree and the Hammond lodges will confer the second and third. The Indiana Harbor lodge will begin their work at one o'clock Monday afternoon, the other two degrees following as soon as the work is completed.

The East Chicago lodge will hold their installation of officers tonight.

ABLE TEMPERANCE SPEAKER IS COMING

James H. Wootenlycke of Los Angeles, Calif., will speak in the First M. E. church of Hammond Sunday afternoon at 2:45. Mr. Wootenlycke is to discuss the latest phases of the liquor question, dwelling particularly on the world prohibition movement.

The speaker will also clear up many points regarding the prohibition situation in this country. Mr. Wootenlycke is said to be one of the most logical and interesting speakers on the public platform. The meeting Sunday will be a community meeting and all are invited.

FIRST WOOD ALCOHOL VICTIM IN GARY IS ASSURED RECOVERY

Gary's first wood alcohol poison victim, James Prokorenka, 1539 Carolina street, is reported out of danger and will recover according to attending physicians today. His escape from death was a narrow one.

Prokorenka's illness was called to the attention of the police last Tuesday, the same day that they discovered a cache at 1529 Grant street, containing eighteen quart bottles of denatured alcohol. It's owner, Ellis Cruz, 24 years old, was arrested and is being held under \$5,000 bonds.

According to Prokorenka's story, he was given a drink of the poison by a stranger and in a short time he was deathly ill and fell into unconsciousness. The stranger serving the liquor, rebuked his victim. Prokorenka was taken to the Mercy hospital.

The trial of the Cruz woman is set for today. Attorney Homer Sackett was yesterday selected from the nominations to sit as special judge in the case.

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500 IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Two hundred and one men and women who were arrested in this city in the government's greatest drive against "Red" sympathizers were held by the department of justice today on the charge of being after communists who were seeking to overthrow the U. S. government by violence.

Six hundred and fifty, including fifty women, were arrested in a series of spectacular raids carried out by agents of the department of justice and plain clothes detectives against the various headquarters of the communist and Communist labor party in this city and vicinity. All but the 201 were released after being questioned.

RAID AT BALTIMORE

BALTIMORE, Md., Jan. 3.—The big roundup of alleged "Reds" here in connection with the nationwide raid of the department of justice was still in progress today. Forty-seven prisoners, including two women, taken into custody, will be examined to determine whether they are subject to deportation.

AVALANCHE BURIES PORTION OF ALASKA CITY; MANY MISSING

JUNEAU, Alaska, Jan. 2.—A section of this city is today buried under the great "landslide" in its history with a toll of one dead and seven injured, two probably fatally. Several are missing.

The precipitation of tons of dirt and rock occurred yesterday when the earth over the entrance to the Alaska-Juneau Mine Co. crashed down into Front st., sweeping before it six dwelling houses and a large number of small cabins. Parties are today searching the debris for the missing ones. It is believed the landslides were caused by the melting snow and the warm rains. The houses and cabins were carried a distance of 700 feet and were then crushed under the weight of earth.

FILES COMPLAINT AGAINST G. & I. RY.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 3.—The City of Hammond today filed complaint with the public service commission regarding alleged failure of the Gary & Indiana Railway Co. to make improvements in Sibley st. there.

John Sibley, 214 Sibley st., and nine others petitioned to require the street railway to pay part of the money for the improvement of the street for the reason that company was granted the right to double track. Present single track is laid in crushed stone ballast it is alleged and should be laid in concrete. The resultant vibration is annoying to residents.

SPURN SAFE BUT GET AWAY WITH \$40,000 IN WHISKEY

INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE
CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 3.—The City of Hammond today broke into the establishment of Jacob Schenck in North Market street, early today, loaded up \$40,000 worth of liquor and drove off.

A safe stood in the corner of the room filled with cash and valuables, but the cracksmen passed it up in favor of the more precious stuff. Three barrels, five half barrels and ninety cases of whiskey were included in the loot.

MISSOURI WRECK COST TWO LIVES

INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE
ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Jan. 3.—Two men were killed and three passengers suffered serious injuries today when a south-bound Chicago Great Western passenger train struck a broken rail and was wrecked six miles north of Savannah, Mo.

Complete details of the wreck are still lacking. Few of the dead or injured have been identified yet. The Rev. James C. Jones, pastor of a Baptist church here, is known to be among those badly injured.

GARY MURDERERS GO TO ELECTRIC CHAIR IN 11 DAYS

Today Dan Tekulja, Albert Bacheler, Thomas Bacheler and James Barker, slayers of Herman Tucker, cashier of the First State Bank of Tollebon on June 13, 1918, who was murdered in cold blood in a hold hand robbery on this date have just eleven more days to live.

They are doomed to die in the electric chair at the expiration of the 14th of this month. Probably no other murderers in the region ever attracted as much attention as this one and it is the reason why hundreds of citizens all over the country are asking whether they will suffer the death penalty on that date or whether they will be granted another stay of execution.

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OLDEST EMPLOYEE OF S. O. CO. DIES IN CALIFORNIA

WHITING, Ind., Jan. 3.—Friends of Bruce Eston Sr., who resided in Whiting for several years, will regret to learn of his recent death which took place at his home, 600 Stanley ave., Long Beach, Calif. Mr. Eston had been in the employ of the Standard Oil Company for forty-six years, a record unsurpassed by any other employee.

GOVORCHIN HAD RAISIN OUTFIT

Two complete stills with seven barrels of raisin mash ready for distillation were taken this afternoon in a raid made by Officer Gould of the East Chicago police and revenue officials on Jake Govorchin's saloon at 401 Chicago ave., East Chicago. Warrants were served out for Govorchin's arrest and it was expected that he would be given a hearing before U. S. Commissioner Surbush in Hammond before evening. Govorchin has long been suspected of illegal liquor sales, but in some manner has succeeded in keeping officers of the law from getting any evidence on him.

TWO MEN REPORTED KILLED AT INLAND

It became known this morning that two men were killed by gas at the plant of the Indiana Steel company last night. Plant officials state that the deaths of the deaths and true cause of the accident have not been determined. The names of the victims were withheld.

MAPES OBJECTS TO SALES OF ALCOHOL

Col. Mapes, in charge of the Gary detachment of troops, made complaint this morning that some men in Gary are selling a mixture of wood alcohol, ether, sugar and water to the soldiers and if the practice does not stop the parties are to be severely dealt with if they are captured.

CITY TREASURER'S TAX NOTICE

All city taxes and water taxes due Jan. 1st, 1920, are payable any time between Jan. 1st and May 3rd, 1920. 12-21 WALTER BIELEFELD, Treas.